

Highland Highlights

Highland Park
Elementary School

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Letter From the Principal

Dear HPS Families,

Spring is here and with that remains 7 more weeks of school. That is hard to believe. Grade 5 students have been hard at work on their yearbook and planning year end events! Stay tuned for details to follow.

Running Club has begun now that the weather has somewhat warmed up and HPS students are ready to run! Approximately 65 students are participating in Running Club each Friday afternoon. Thank you to Mrs. Hosmer for coordinating this activity in conjunction to the many parent volunteers that come to chaperone. If you are interested in having your child participate please contact us to request a permission form.

Sixteen 4th and 5th grade students participated in the Bike Safety program which now allows them to ride their bikes to school. Included in the program was a safety video, test and discussion about rules of the road.

Kindergarten registration will be held May 27th and 28th at HPS. Signs have been posted and Mrs. Harrell has begun scheduling the registration sessions to take place during the day. Incoming Kindergarten students will participate in readiness activities and parents

will be registering their child with Mrs. Harrell and our nurse, Mrs. Cohen.

The Board of Education Student Recognition Awards Night was held on March 12th and six students from HPS were recognized for their outstanding student achievement. Congratulations to the following students on their accomplishments; Jenna Burke, Jessica Pardi, Hannah Forbes, Jonathan Kropp, Mackayla O'Brien, and Jake Blazinski.

May 22nd is the 2nd annual Husky Highlights Night which will feature student work K-5. Students will choose one item they are especially proud of in one of two categories:

1. Classroom Project
2. Interest/hobby

This is an opportunity for students to share something they have worked on in school or out of school with their families, peers and/or community members. Students are to turn in their sign up sheet by Friday, May 2nd. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about this event.

I look forward to seeing you on May 22nd!

Mrs. Burns

HPS Helping Hands Rebuilding Together

HPS Helping hands participated in Manchester's Rebuilding Together as part of their community service. Mrs. DeAngelis, Mrs. Kowaleski and students JJ Krop, Julia Hill, Jacob Pardi, Jenna Burke, Jake Blazinski and Cianan Mulligan braved the wet weather to help rake and bag leaves.



5/2	K Field Trip
5/2	Pep Rally
5/6	Teacher Appreciation Lunch
5/6	Nurse's Day
5/7	Grd 5 Chorus Rock cats
5/8	PTA Mtg 6:30
5/9	Grade 1&2 Field Trip
5/12-5/23	NWEA Testing
5/14	Early Release PD
5/14	Grade 4 Field Trip
5/16	K Play
5/19	Grade 5 Visit Bennet
5/20	Grade 3 MHS Concert
5/21	Grade 1 Field Trip
5/22	Grade 3 Field Trip
5/22	HPS Husky Highlights Night
5/27 -28	K Registration
5/29	Spring Concert 2:15 & 6:00 pm

What's Happening in Classrooms: Kidblog

Grade 5 teachers Laura Kowaleski and Kate Papsun and Grade 4 teacher Jamie Carey presented Kidblog at our April PTA meeting.

The teachers attended a workshop at Columbia Teacher's College in NY in March. The presentation was facilitated by Stephanie Harvey as a technology based strategy to support the love of reading and writing using a workshop model approach while embedding technology.

Students read their books and respond through Kidblog electronically.

Peers can read and comment on students responses to their independent reading selection.

Teachers have noted increased motivation and excitement to read and a spiked interest in reading other book selections that their peers have read to compare their views.



Things With Wings

Pictured is art teacher Mr. Andrews with some of our Grade 3 students who created mobiles featuring things with wings.

Things with Wings is sponsored by the Manchester Community Youth Art Initiative. The youth art exhibit and event will take place at the East Side Neighborhood Resource Center located at 153 Spruce Street on May 16th from 5:30—8 pm. Students in Mrs. Delissio and Mrs. Thieling's class along with six Grade 5 students Emma Harbec Gavry, Hannah Forbes, Ian Bruckner, Jessica Pardi, Jack Beauregard and JJ Kropp created mobiles for display.

Everyone's Stripes Are Different

As part of the Grade 3 science curriculum students learn about animal markings and how each is different.

Captain Davis of the Manchester Police Department and Highland Park Elementary School mentor, came to visit Mrs. Thieling's class and teach them about finger prints and how each individual finger print is different. Students here are participating in the activity.



Me & My Guy



HPS PTA sponsored the annual Me and My Guy Dance on Friday, April 25th. Girls and their guests had a wonderful time dancing, making a craft, enjoying a snack and having fun together. A very special thank you to all the PTA moms who helped make this event such a success including Mrs. Herrick, Mrs. Pardi, Mrs. Fogarty, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Giraldo and Mrs. Nasso.

Music Notes

By Mr. Hayden

Well done to the Highland Park band, orchestra and Honors Chorus for their wonderful performances given at Manchester High School's Bailey Auditorium on April 10th. The Honors Chorus group had rehearsed for 2 months; getting together every Tuesday morning and spending time on their own to learn the songs. Their hard work was on display at the concert and the performance was fantastic. A big thank you for their great effort goes to :

Shania Benson, Janai Jones, Mackayla O'Brien, Katie Lee, Jada Singleton, Jessica Pardi, Piper O'Leary, Destiny Johnson, Emma Harbec Gavry and Abby Thompson. Also, a big thank you to parents and guardians for getting the students to rehearsals and the concert. Congratulations to all.!



Mrs. Chomick

HPS would like to congratulate Mrs. Joanne Chomick on her retirement in June. She has been a valued member of the HPS teaching staff for the past 21 years and will be missed by students and staff next year.

Mrs. Chomick will be looking forward to becoming a first time grandmother this summer and is very excited to babysit her grandson!! In addition to spoiling her grandson she looks forward to reading, crafting and relaxing with her husband.

Congratulations Mrs. Chomick!

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4	5 F	6 A	7 B	8 C	9 D	10
11	12 E	13 F	14 A	15 B	16 C	17
18	19 D	20 E	21 F	22 A	23 B	24
25	26	27 C	28 D	29 E	30 F	31

Lutz Museum

On April 8, 2014 Miss Kayla and Miss Rachel from The Lutz Children's Museum visited third grade classrooms with a presentation called "The Podunks of Manchester." In Social Studies, third graders are learning about the history of Manchester. The Podunks were a tribe that lived here long ago. Students learned the jobs of Podunk men, women, and children. Students were engaged with different Podunk artifacts such as handmade shoes, natural tools and instruments, and they even pet a box turtle native to Connecticut.

